Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 09 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 at 15:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the main themes with a wet and windy day on Thursday followed by another cold spell with snow showers. Low for details on Monday.

Headline for Thursday 08 Apr 2021: Very windy with spells of rain and summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	70%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, falling as snow above 400m overnight then 900m during the day. Rain turning heavy and persistent for a few hours, especially across Lochaber and Glen Coe, with heavy snow and blizzards on the Munro tops. Bright spells and scattered showers will follow from the northwest later in the afternoon or early evening with the snow level falling to around 400m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20-30% for most of the day becoming 70% late in afternoon or early evening after rain clears southwards.

Visibility: Often poor on high slopes in the morning and much of the afternoon with extensive cloud, bases 600-800m. Whiteout conditions possible on Munro tops. Improving late in the afternoon or early evening but locally poor in wintry showers with cloud down to 600m at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/33 S	34/44 SW	35/48 SW	39/53 SW	43/60 SW	38/53 W	38/54 W	34/48 W	28/38 W
900	17/24 S	22/32 SW	26/38 SW	29/43 SW	32/48 SW	27/41 W	28/44 W	25/38 W	20/30 W
600	21/29 S	27/36 SW	29/41 SW	33/47 SW	35/51 SW	30/44 SW	31/47 W	26/39 W	19/29 W
300	10/17 S	14/24 SW	16/28 SW	18/31 SW	22/38 SW	18/31 W	19/35 W	15/27 W	14/24 NW
Glen	9/18 S	12/26 SW	13/29 SW	17/36 SW	19/40 SW	17/36 W	17/37 W	13/30 W	11/25 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-14	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-12	-4/-13	-5/-16	-6/-16	-6/-15
900	-4/-11	-2/-9	0/-7	1/-7	1/-7	-1/-9	-2/-11	-3/-11	-4/-11
600	-1/-8	0/-7	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	1/-6	0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8
300	1/-4	2/-2	5/0	5/0	5/0	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	0/-4
Glen	2/-1	4/-0	7/3	7/3	8/3	6/2	5/1	4/-0	3/-1
Freezing Level*	400m	800m	1000m	1000m	1000m	700m	400m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gusts of 70mph on ridges and summits above 800m. Feeling very cold at height in the strong winds with a severe wind chill in the heavy rain and sleet.

Forecast for Friday 09 Apr 2021

Weather: Cold condition with sunny or clear spells and scattered snow showers, these mainly over Lochaber with a lot of dry weather further south.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 30-35mph gusts 50mph overnight, easing to 15-20mph with gusts 30mph in showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Visibility: Excellent for most of the time but sudden deteriorations in any showers, down to a few hundred metres for brief spells with patchy cloud down to 700 or 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to 4 or 5C.
At 800m: Minus 6C rising to Minus 2C during daytime.
Freezing level: 200m, rising to 400m during daytime.

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